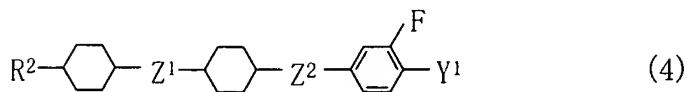
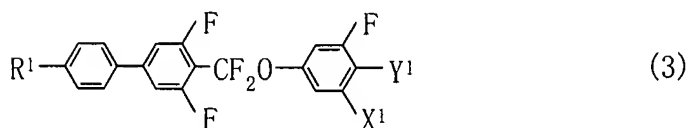
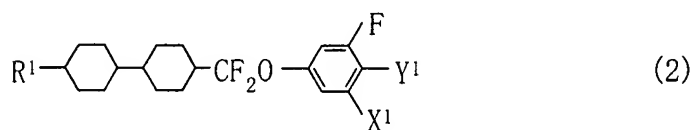
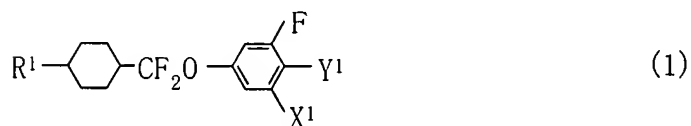


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A liquid crystal composition containing at least one compound selected from compounds of formula (1) and formula (2) as a first component, at least one compound selected from compounds of formula (3) as a second component, and at least one compound selected from compounds of formula (4) as a third component:



wherein R^1 is alkyl; R^2 is alkyl or alkenyl; Z^1 and Z^2 are independently a single bond or $-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$; X^1 is hydrogen or fluorine; and Y^1 is fluorine or $-\text{OCF}_3$. Also provided is a liquid crystal display element containing the composition.